REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AND RECORD OF ACTION

August 17, 1999

FROM: CAROL ANSELMI, Director

Transitional Assistance Department

SUBJECT: INCREASE IN LIMIT ON PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OTHER RESOURCES FOR GENERAL RELIEF (GR) PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Authorize an increase in the total limit for all non-exempt property and resources for indigent adults eligible for the County General Relief Program. The \$250.00 limit set forth on page A-4 of the General Policies and Procedures chapter of the General Relief Handbook at section (C) and references to the \$250.00 limit set forth in subdivisions (1), (3)(b) and (c), (4), (5), and (6) shall be increased to \$500.00.
- (2) Authorize an increase in the motor vehicle property exemption for employable indigent adults eligible for the County General Relief Program. The \$750.00 exemption limit set forth on page A-4 of the General Policies and Procedures chapter of the General Relief Handbook at section (C), subd. (3)(b), shall be increased to \$1,500.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Since July of 1986, the total limit for all non-exempt property and resources has been \$250.00 and the maximum allowable motor vehicle exemption has been \$750.00. The proposed increase in allowable non-exempt property is comparable to other counties. Raising the allowable motor vehicle exemption for employable persons to \$1,500 would align it with the old Aid to Families and Dependent Children (AFDC) program's exemption. Reliable transportation is a key resource in finding employment and achieving self-sufficiency.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Regina A. Coleman, Deputy County Counsel

<u>FINANCIAL IMPACT</u>: There should be no impact on the budget as any increase in caseload due to the proposed exemption will be offset by recipients who obtain employment and are able to exit the program.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All Districts

PRESENTER: John F. Michaelson, Assistant County Administrator

cc: TAD-Anselmi SSG-Michaelson County Counsel-Coleman File

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DATED: August 24, 1999